

Application No. 09/902,077
Amendment Dated 16 January 2004
Reply to Office Action of 16 July 2003

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 6 and 8-14 are pending in the application.

The Office Action references the following: (1) rejection of claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by John Deere Catalog PC 2725, "Mower Deck Baffles", accompanied by corresponding photographs numbered 1-9; and (2) allowance of claims 6 and 8-14.

In response, Applicant has provided amendment which is believed to provide a proper response to the Office Action. Such amendment, as seen above, includes: (1) a proper listing of claims, including appropriate status; and (2) cancellation of rejected claims 1-4.

Applicants note that "Previously re-presented" claims 13-14, formerly dependent claims 9-10, respectively, have been provided without the markings shown in the Paper entitled "Second Amendment".

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has noted that an Information Disclosure Statement was not filed on 7/1/2003; further, that two translations for earlier filed foreign documents have been noted. Applicants understand the above to state that a listing on PTO Form 1449, or other form/paper, had not been provided on 7/1/2003 and that the mentioned translations were received.

Further, Applicants take this opportunity to clarify/note that a Paper entitled "**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**", dated 27 June 2003, is believed to have been transmitted. That Paper discussed the providing of the translations presently referenced by the Examiner. The Examiner is welcomed to contact the undersigned should there be any further question regarding that submission.

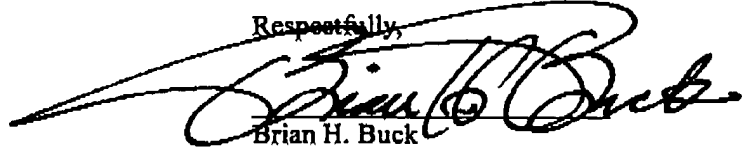
Conclusion

Therefore, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Any fees or charges due as a result of filing of the present Paper may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525.

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Respectfully,

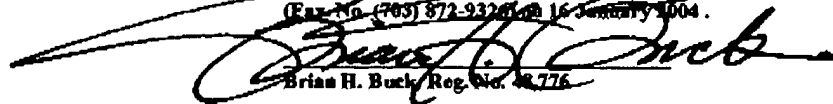


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